

**DOWNTOWN BANGOR PARTNERSHIP  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 8:30 p.m.  
Council Chambers, City Hall**

**MINUTES**

**Officers Present:**       **Stephen Boardway (Chair) Molly Briggs (Vice Chair) and Heather McCarthy (Treasurer/Secretary)**

**Directors Present:**   **Kate Bielinski, Annie Cambridge, Annette Dodd, Gibran Graham, Karen Foley, Julie Baker-Leaden, Betsy Lundy**

**Others:**               **Caitlin Brooke, Staff Liaison**

**Excused Absence:** **Kate Grover, Ben Sprague, Dan Sykes**

**Unexcused Absence:** **Nazrin Dixon, Josh Gass**

**Guests:** **Jason Bird (City of Bangor, Community and Economic Development Officer), Carrie Lynn Lemos (Penobscot Community Healthcare's Unlimited Solution Clubhouse), Denise Preble (Penobscot Community Healthcare's Unlimited Solution Clubhouse)**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President, Stephen Boardway, called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for coming.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes for February 10, 2015
2. Financial Report

Gibran moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Heather F. seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Introduction to Penobscot Community Healthcare's Unlimited Solution Clubhouse**

Guests Carrie Lynn Lemos and Denise Preble presented a summary of the mission and the history of Penobscot Community Healthcare's Unlimited Solution Clubhouse to the Board. The organization, dedicated to supporting people with mental health issues, started in the area about 4 years ago and officially opened its doors in October of 2012 on Summer Street. From a start of 6 members, they now have over 120 members. At the Clubhouse, members work together to run all aspects of the Clubhouse while also working towards individual goals. Everyday tasks, from cleaning to bookkeeping, are done by the members and staff—side by side. The youngest member is 18 and the oldest is 73; members are from all income and education levels.

The Clubhouse offers employment support through both transitional and supportive programs. Carrie encouraged local businesses to ask about how they can work with the Clubhouse to become a partner.

Denise Preble, a Clubhouse member, gave her testimonial and shared her experience with the organization. The Clubhouse is supported through the Penobscot Healthcare Center.

### **Downtown Bangor Parking Advisory Committee's Recommendation for Metered Parking**

Jason Bird is the City of Bangor's Community and Economic Development Officer and is the City staff liaison for Downtown Bangor Parking Committee. Jason presented and summarized the options that were considered by the Committee: things remain the same, zone parking, metered parking, or a license plate reader system. These options were looked at in an effort to eliminate the prevalent car shuffling which occurs throughout the downtown by employees of local businesses.

The Committee voted to focus on small scale implementation of meters with pay kiosks. The suggested rate is for \$1.00/hour with no restriction on time limit.

Discussion ensued with comments supporting the movement towards meters. Local business owners polled some of their clients who seemed to be fine with the idea of paying for parking.

Betsy made a motion to support the recommendation from the Downtown Parking Advisory Committee and Molly seconded. The entire Board was in favor.

### **2016 Board and Executive Committee Vacancies**

Stephen updated the Board on the FY2016 vacant seats. They include: At Large which can be anyone who lives, works, or owns a business/property in downtown; Service Business which is an owner or manager or employee of a professional or service business; the principal office for which is located within the District; and a downtown Resident. Two Directors, Josh and Betsy, are up for renewal of their second term.

The Nominating Committee is meeting with potential candidates, taking care to vet folks through conversations about why they would like to join the Board, their skill set, and ability to commit time to the various duties.

The timeline looks like the Nominating Committee will wrap up meetings in March, discuss in April, put forth recommendations in May and the full Board will vote in June. The anticipated start date for the new Board members is the July 2015 meeting.

Current Board members are encouraged to submit names of potential candidates to Caitlin or a member of the Nominating Committee.

### **Committee Updates**

*Networking and Outreach Committee* - The Downtown Living Open House is scheduled for March 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. A call for Board members to volunteer for the event was given. The Committee also delivered its first round of Welcome Baskets to five new businesses in downtown. A sixth basket, for Sea of Cotton, will be delivered when the store opens.

*Events Committee* - The planning for the summer concert series, Cool Sounds, continues.

*Beautification Committee* – All of the Adopt A Garden sites are adopted and there is now a waiting list for folks who want to participate. The Committee is now focusing energy on developing the West Market Square kiosk.

*Marketing Committee* – The brochure and map were the discussion topic of March's meeting. Additionally, the Committee will be meeting on Tuesdays of this month (March) from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room.

### **Other Business**

The City of Bangor's Commission on Cultural Development will host, on March 11 at 6 p.m., a public forum on Arts and Culture in Bangor.

Greendrinks is on March 10 at Verve.

Business After Hours at the Bangor Daily News on March 12.

Maine Science Festival is on March 20, 21, and 22.

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

To watch a full version of the Downtown Bangor Partnership's March 10 meeting, please visit:  
<http://bangormaine.pegcentral.com/player.php?video=d6a4a31f5c33c07a5b0c86e736c898be>